

THE TRIBUNE

Letter from an Old School Democrat,
To Committee of the Brooklyn Clay Club.

Upper Meads, Pa. Oct. 21st, 1844.

RESPECTED SIRS.—Your frank and patriotic intimation of the 14th inst. has only reached me this day. While my attention is strong to be with you at the great Mass Meeting of the Whigs of Long Island, to be held on the 24th inst. it is with deep and sincere regret that I have to inform you I find myself unable to attend on so interesting an occasion and for so interesting an end.

It is more than fifty years since I entered the field of political action, and more than forty-five since I was first called into public life. I need not say I am an old man in years, but my heart throbs as strongly with love of country and the love of the whole race of man, as in the full fervor of youth. It would awaken all my better feelings could I commune with the young Whigs of Long Island, on the site of Fort Green, at such a crisis as this.

I feel it a high privilege and as a solemn duty to yield to your wish, if I could find it possible, I have not through life spent many useless, much less idle hours; I pray you, therefore, to deem my absence due to no sufficient cause.

I could little hope to enlighten you, though my wish would be earnest to encourage you. It is a good feature in the present canvas that, in the Mass Meeting held, they have brought together citizens of the most distant States, and have thus tended to spread a friendly personal intercourse that must form a new and powerful ligament to the Union. No exertions have been spared, proper to be exercised in the canvass, in this State, and we owe a debt to the patriotic labors of eminent men of other commonwealths. The result of our general election has left more cause for fear than triumph to our opponents. It also gave proof of our diligence. While we look with most reasonable expectation to give a majority for Mr. Clay and Mr. FARNHAM, our attention is anxiously directed to the vote of New York.

I entered Congress with Henry Clay in 1811, and witnessed the part he took, and the weight he had, in that memorable body. Without detracting in the least from the merits of others, I can say he was the leading spirit in the councils of the day. Let us grieve him, never fater! His every act looked above and beyond mere personal and local popularity. He saw his country wanted character, and that to become great and remain united the Constitution must be administered practically. Through his course of public service he has never swerved from those great and just views of National policy on which he started. When such a name as his is before the people, can it be possible that such a shadow of a man as James K. Polk can be allowed to compete with him? Forbid it, shade of Washington!

It is a death struggle with the opponents of Henry Clay, and Pennsylvania has been the scene of the most convulsive throes of fraud and falsehood. These have now been so entirely exposed, and the exposure riveted to the brow of Loco-Foco, that the hardest and most depraved partisans are compelled to silence.

Please to accept the homage of one since his fall.

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Treasurer.

W. H. Story, W. H. Arthur, J. C. Jaques and H. G. Cooke.

Foreign Interests Banding against the Tariff.

The Courier des Etats-Unis a few days ago apologized to its readers for its "Democratic sympathies" in the Tariff question, by saying that the FRANCIS INTERESTS which it was specially retained to defend, "rendered those sympathies perfectly legitimate."

In pursuance of a notice published in its columns, a large meeting of the French residents of the City of New York was held to decide how they should vote at the coming election. The Argus of this morning contains an account of their proceedings, and of their unanimous decision for Polk.

This extraordinary resolution is justified as far as the Tariff is concerned, by the last Courier, which asks: "If its readers can hesitate between those who threaten to maintain the TARIFF OF 1842, and those who PROMISED TO ABOLISH IT?" We have," says this foreign organ, "urged, as far as we were bound, the naturalized French to the fulfilment of their duty and the protection of their interests."

These interests are attainable only by the prostration of the Tariff which in Pennsylvania has been insolently coupled with the name of Folk or Loco-Foco banners and in Loco-Foco newspapers!

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COMMERCIAL AND MONEY MATTERS

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Nov. 4.

\$2,000 Ohio... 102 do... 45½

25,000 U. S. 5... 100 do... 50½

4,000 Ohio, 70... 100 do... 50½

5,000 Illinois... 73 do... 50½

8,000 Illinois... 43 do... 50½

2,000 Reading Bonds... 50 do... 50½

7,500 Hudson River... 60 do... 50½

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